

**REMARKS**

Favorable reconsideration of this patent application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9 and 11-19 have been rejected as being anticipated by Lung-Po under 35 USC 102; Claims 21-24 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Lung-Po in view of Angarola et al. under 35 USC 103; and Claims 10 and 20 have been objected to as containing allowable subject matter but being dependent from rejected parent claims. Claims 1,9-11, 19 and 20 have been cancelled, new Claims 25-28 have been inserted, and consequently, Claims 2-8,12-18, and 21-28 are now active in this patent application.

It is reiterated to the examiner that the present

invention is concerned with a flapper valve member wherein the same is mounted upon an annular flange portion by means of a fixation bar, and that the fixation bar has detent members defined thereon for engaging the flapper valve member so as to retain the same in its **OPENED** position. This subject matter was originally incorporated within original Claim 10, which was objected to as containing allowable subject matter, and has now been effectively incorporated within new Claims 25 and 27. Such structure is not disclosed within any of the prior art of record, and it is therefore submitted that such claims, as well as the other claims present in this patent application, are now patentable.

The examiner has also required formal drawings which are in fact enclosed herewith.

Lastly, the examiner has also required a new Abstract which is provided herewith upon a separate sheet of paper.

In light of the foregoing, it is further submitted that this patent application is now in condition for allowance, and therefore, an early and favorable action is now anticipated and awaited.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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